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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ATLANTIC TRUST LOAN

1. IF SEVEN PERCENT "RISTOURNE" IS TRANSLATED INTO ADDITIONAL INTEREST, EFFECTIVE RATE FOR TRANSACTION REPORTED REFTEL WOULD BE 9.9 PERCENT -- COMPARABLE TO MARCH LONGTERM EUROBOND RATES REQUIRED OF BORROWERS WHO ARE CONSIDERED TO BE SOME CREDIT RISK AND CERTAINLY NOT BAD FOR A COUNTRY IN ZAIRE'S FINANCIAL CONDITION WITH NO COLLATERAL TO OFFER. BASED ON CHECKS WITH THE FEDERAL RESERVE, COMPTROLLER OF BANKS, AND SEC, IT WOULD SEEM TRANSACTION OF SORT REPORTED WOULD INVOLVE NO VIOLATION OF U.S. LAW IF INSTITUTION INVOLVED DOES NOT ACCEPT PUBLIC DEPOSITS OR SELL SHARES ON OPEN MARKET.

2. REAL DANGER HERE WOULD SEEM TO BE POSSIBILITY OF GOZ BEING LED ON AND THEN DISAPPOINTED OR IN SOME WAY BILKED BY FAST OPERATORS. IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE ANYONE WOULD LBND ZAIRE MONEY IN AMOUNT AND ON TERMS REPORTED. RESEARCH INTO "ATLANTIC TRUST COMPANY" STRENGTHENS OUR FEAR. COMPANY IS UNLISTED IN D.C. PHONE DIRECTORY;
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IN STANDARD BUSINESS DIRECTORIES; WITH COMPTROLLER

OF CURRENCY OR FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK BOARD, WHICH

REGULATE, RESPECTIVELY, DEPOSIT BANKS AND SAVINGS AND
LOAN INSTITUTIONS IN THE DISTRICT; OR WITH DC
SUPERINTENDENT OF CORPORATIONS. THE 5203 GEORGIA
AVE. ADDRESS IS AN OLD AND VERY SMALL TWO-STORY
CONVERTED RESIDENCE IN A LOW-INCOME AREA. IT LISTS
NO PHONE, AND A SINGLE NAMEPLATE ON DOOR READS
"CRAWFORD INTERNATIONAL". CRAWFORD INTERNATIONAL
IS INCORPORATED IN DC TO "MANUFACTURE, PURCHASE OR
OTHERWISE ACQUIRE, SELL OR DISPOSE OF POLICE,
MILITARY AND SECURITY EQUIPMENT." CAPITAL IS
DOLS 10,000, AND NO VLCEK IS LISTED AMONG COMPANY'S
OFFICERS. WE HAVE FOUND A DR. JOSEPH F. VLCEK WITH
AN ADDRESS IN GREATER WASHINGTON AREA LISTED IN
"AMERICAN MEN AND WOMEN OF SCIENCE". ENTRY GIVES
LONG ACADEMIC AND WORK HISTORY IN FIELD OF INFRARED,
RADAR, SONAR, OCEANOGRAPHY, AND DEVELOPMENT OF
CENTRIFUGE FOR CANCER RESEARCH. WE HAVE NOTHING,
HOWEVER, TO CONNECT THIS JOSEPH F. VLCEK WITH
EITHER ATLANTIC TRUST OR CRAWFORD INTERNATIONAL.

3. D AND B FIELD CHECKS ARE BEING CONDUCTED ON
ATLANTIC TRUST AND CRAWFORD INTERNATIONAL; WILL
REPORT ANY FURTHER INFO DEVELOPED.

4. AMBASSADOR MUST JUDGE IF AND HOW ABOVE INFO MAY
BE CONVEYED TO SAMBWA. KISSINGER

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